Name:

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Class:

Personal Narrative Final Draft

Expectations and Guidelines

Over the next few nights, you will be finishing up the final draft of your personal narrative. Remember, we have spent a long time working on this project, so make sure the final product is as close to perfect as you can make it! ***I provided you with substantial feedback on your narrative drafts, so you should be thinking about how to make those changes, not just making simple fixes.***

**Your personal narrative should meet the following expectations:**

* You must TYPE the draft. You should also …
  + Double space it
  + Include a **heading** with **name, date, and class period** in the upper-left corner of the page
  + Use Times New Roman, Cambria, Calibri, or Arial fonts (nothing else!) – **size 12 only!**
    - **Your title can be whatever font you choose as long as it is readable.**
  + Print it on white paper or share it with me on GoogleDrive. Please use my [joe.green@latinpcs.org](mailto:joe.green@latinpcs.org) email. If you can print it at home, please do – it will help me out a lot!
* Turn in the final draft along with your previous rehearsals and flash drafts
* Choose an interesting title – not just “Personal Narrative for English” or “The Day I Got My Dog”
* Begin your personal narrative with an engaging lead
* **Elaborate** on the most important events; “zoom in” and describe these events with specific, descriptive details, background information, dialogue, inner monologue, etc.
* Tell your story clearly and in a way that is interesting to the reader, avoiding simply telling us each event what happened – *show, don’t tell!*
* Indicate why this event (or these events) is (are) important to you
* Close your story with a conclusion that wraps up the story well and reinforces the significance of the events in your life
* Include proper punctuation when using dialogue in your story
* Be sure to include proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics

**Rubric for Personal Narrative**

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|  | **Excellent** | **Very Good** | **Below Average** | **Needs Improvement** |
| You included a **title** that will draw the reader to your story. | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0 |
| Your narrative began with an **engaging lead**. | 4 | 3 | 2.5 | 2 (or lower) |
| You elaborated, or **“zoomed in”**, with **descriptive details** where appropriate – **“showing” instead of “telling.”** | 12 | 10 | 8 | 5 (or lower) |
| You wrote your story **clearly** and in an **interesting** way. | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 (or lower) |
| The reader can understand **why these events are important** to you. | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 (or lower) |
| Your conclusion **wraps up the story well** and reinforces the significance of these events | 3 | 2.5 | 2 | 1 (or lower) |
| You used **proper grammar**, spelling, and mechanics throughout the story | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 (or lower) |

**Any points lost? (Lateness, missing flash drafts/rehearsals, not typed, etc.)**

**Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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